



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**#20-0571**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** November 17, 2020

**TITLE:** Public Hearing - Ordinance Amending the Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan by Adding, Deleting, and Modifying Goals, Objectives, and Policies; Amending the Future Land Use Element, Housing Element, the General Sanitary Sewer, Solid Waste, Drainage, Potable Water, and Natural Groundwater Recharge Element as Incorporated in the Infrastructure Element, Coastal Management Community Health and Safety Element, Conservation Element, Intergovernmental Coordination Element, Capital Improvements Element, Transportation and Mobility Element, Parks and Recreation Element, Historic Preservation Element, and Public School Facilities Element; Providing for the Addition of Urban Design Element, Climate Change Element and Economic Development Element – Advance Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan Update Case No. L19001 – **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt, on second reading, an ordinance amending the City's Comprehensive Plan, incorporating text amendments to the Future Land Use Element, Infrastructure Element including Sanitary Sewer, Solid Waste, Drainage, Potable Water, and Natural Groundwater Recharge, Housing Element, Coastal Management Community Health and Safety Element, Conservation Element, Intergovernmental Coordination Element, Capital Improvements Element, Parks and Recreation Element, Historic Preservation Element, and Public School Facilities Element, amend and update Transportation Element to Transportation and Mobility Element, and add new Urban Design Element, Climate Change Element and Economic Development Element.

**Background**

The City Commission adopted an ordinance on first reading transmitting the proposed amendments at its February 18, 2020 City Commission meeting. The February 18, 2020 City Commission Meeting Minutes and associated Commission Agenda Memorandum (CAM #20-0020) are attached as Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 2, respectively.

Changes to draft goals, objectives, and policies, as well as associated data inventory and analysis sections, have been incorporated in the proposed amendments. Proposed changes are to address a response to feedback from the City Commission, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and external reviewing agencies, as outlined below:

1. Capital Improvements Element: Updates to policy language to reference plans previously adopted by the City Commission. Removal of adoption by reference language, which would have created a self-amending plan;
2. Sanitary Sewer, Water, and Stormwater Element: Update to include new policy referencing the adopted water supply plan for usage in the development of interlocal agreements for water service to adjacent jurisdictions, various clarifications to reference the adopted water supply plan by name in policy per comments from the South Florida Water Management District;
3. Coastal Management Element: Update to policy CM 3.1.1 and CM 3.1.5 to specifically name 44 C.F.R. part 60 as the reference for the policy language per request from South Florida Water Management District; Renaming of the element to “Coastal Management, Community Health and Safety” Element, inclusion of new Objective 4.5 establishing policies regarding police, fire, EMS response times and sub policies regarding planning and response to public health emergencies;
4. Transportation and Mobility Element: Inclusion of new Policy TM 1.7.3f in regard to access management and land use decisions. Minor word edits to ensure consistency with previously adopted Vision Zero terminology;
5. Education Element: Inclusion of new Policy EDU 1.1.3c to provide for policy directive to work with outside agencies and private sector partners, as possible, to promote/enhance internet accessibility as an educational resource for students. Minor edits to clarify Policy EDU 2.3.8;
6. Economic Development Element: Edit to ED 2.2.4 to include reference to internet as a utility. Inclusion of new policy ED 2.2.6 to include public art considerations in support for economic development and tourism;
7. Housing Element: Addition of Policy HS 1.1.1e and Policy HS 2.1.8 to provide for community planning support for broadband internet and providing for coordination with community partners in response to future US HUD reporting requirements for affordable housing;
8. Other scrivener’s edits were addressed.

The amended Comprehensive Plan Volume I - Goals, Objectives and Policies are provided as Exhibit 3. The updated Future Land use and Infrastructure sections of the Comprehensive Plan Volume II - Data Inventory and Analysis are provided as Exhibit 4. DEO and reviewing agencies’ comments are provided as Exhibit 5.

In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, the City Commission shall review the DEO report, if any, and written comments submitted by any other person, agency, or government; and at a public hearing determine whether to adopt the comprehensive plan amendments ordinance and transmit the amendments to the Broward County Planning Council, Broward County, DEO and the agencies that previously provided timely comments on the proposed amendments. The City’s Comprehensive Plan must be recertified by the Broward County Planning Council prior to the approval taking effect.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a *2020 Top Commission Priority*, advancing the Comprehensive Plan Implementation initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community
- Objective: Proactively maintain our water, wastewater, stormwater, road, and bridge infrastructure
- Objective: Secure our community's water supply and support water conservation measures
- Objective: Effectively manage solid waste

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Ready*

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – February 18, 2020 City Commission Meeting Minutes

Exhibit 2 – February 18, 2020 Commission Agenda Memorandum #20-0020

Exhibit 3 – Draft Amended Comprehensive Plan Volume I Goals, Objectives and Policies

Exhibit 4 – Comprehensive Plan Volume II Data Inventory and Analysis Updated Sections

Exhibit 5 – DEO and Reviewing Agencies' Comments

Exhibit 6 – Ordinance Adopting Comprehensive Plan Amendments

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